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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a 3 month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated December 17, 2001, thereby extending the time period within which to respond to June 17, 2002.

In response to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2001, please amend the 06/27/2002 SDENBOB1 00000011 09954604 above-identified application as follows:

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Please replace claims 14, 21, 24, and 25 as shown below, without prejudice. Also, please add new claims 34-39. A marked up version of the amended claims is attached to this Amendment.

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